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MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier General Millard C. Young, USAF
Chief, Joint Subsidiary Plans Division
The Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT : OCPW/Special Forces

1. Between 20 April and 4 May I was on active duty training as a Lt. Colonel with OCPW, Dept. of the Army. In this period of time I was privileged to visit the Psywar Center at Fort Bragg, where I found the staff, as in Hq. OCPW, to be vigorous, self-critical, forward-looking yet practical.

2. My purpose in writing to you is to call your attention to that aspect of OCPW which to me, was most impressive. I refer to the [redacted] Group. I consider the [redacted] [redacted] the most important doctrinal and practical development that has taken place in unconventional warfare since World War II. I was personally familiar with "SO" and "JED" operations during World War II in OSS, and have since then retained an active interest, as a training officer or as a psychologist, in these and related forms of unconventional warfare.

3. You have, in the [redacted] Group, a distillation of some of the best experiences and traditions of OSS. This advantage, plus the organizational machinery and support which comes to any unit which is an integral part of the military forces, gives you, in the S. F. concept, an operational nucleus of tremendous potential and flexibility.

4. There are, of course, modifications and improvements which will need to be made but, important as they may be, I look

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upon them as matters of detail. The significant thing is, I believe, for us to realize that we have here an organization and an idea which, if properly developed and utilized, will become one of the truly great assets in our fight against communism and the USSR.

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